



June 30, 2015

Tricia Orme
Office of Legal Services
275 East Main Street 5 W-B
Frankfort, KY 40601

Dear Ms. Orme,

I would like to share with you my opposition on the proposed changes to the State Health Plan that was published on May 15. The Cabinet is proposing broad changes to the State Health Plan, including complete elimination of several services from the formal review process. The Cabinet has stated the proposed changes should support rural hospitals and improve their ability to provide the continuum of care.

- There is very little opportunity for rural hospitals in these proposed changes. Many rural hospitals will not qualify to expand their services based on the proposed use of certain quality criteria which unfairly impact rural hospitals because they treat greater populations of poor, indigent and chronically ill.
- The proposal, as written, provides the potential for out-of-state providers to enter Kentucky and set up services like Ambulatory Surgery Centers, MRI and Megavolt Radiation Therapy.
- The proposal makes it easier for providers to set up services anywhere in the state which are the lifeblood of Kentucky hospitals – like surgery and imaging – and provide the ability for hospitals to maintain essential services like emergency departments.
- Hospital leaders would like the opportunity to work with the Cabinet to discuss the rationale regarding these changes, the intended outcome and the ability to make appropriate improvements.
- These are sweeping changes that have not been thoroughly discussed with providers. The proposal should be withdrawn until there is collaboration with affected providers to insure the document achieves the goal of expanding access to quality health care services without damaging existing providers.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to share my concerns with you. If you need additional information or I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at 859-313-1714.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Sue Downs'.

Sue Downs, RN, MSN, CENP, FACHE
Interim President, Saint Joseph Hospital

Mullins, Diona (CHFS Health Policy)

From: Orme, Tricia L (CHFS OLS)
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2015 8:05 AM
To: Mullins, Diona (CHFS Health Policy)
Subject: FW: Proposed Changes to the State Health Plan

Importance: High

Comment

From: Mark Edwards [<mailto:medwards@lhhs.org>]
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2015 4:55 PM
To: Orme, Tricia L (CHFS OLS)
Cc: Ridley, Dorsey (State Sen.) (LRC); Bechler, Lynn (State Rep.) (LRC); 'Elizabeth Cobb'
Subject: Proposed Changes to the State Health Plan
Importance: High

Dear Ms. Ormen:

I am writing to express my general support of the comments and position that the Kentucky Hospital Association has taken regarding proposed changes to the State Health Plan. Therefore, I will not duplicate through this email what has already been stated. However, as a small and rural Critical Access Hospital, I am particularly supportive of KHA's written comments regarding support of Rural Providers. Your attention to this section of the State Health Plan is vitally important in preserving rural healthcare in this state. Thank you.

Mark A. Edwards, MBA
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Mullins, Diona (CHFS Health Policy)

From: Orme, Tricia L (CHFS OLS)
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2015 10:46 AM
To: Mullins, Diona (CHFS Health Policy)
Subject: FW: 2015 Draft Health Plan

comments

From: Sheila Currans [<mailto:sheilac@hmhosp.org>]
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2015 10:42 AM
To: Orme, Tricia L (CHFS OLS)
Subject: 2015 Draft Health Plan

Dear Ms. Orme,

I am writing in support of the KHA. I have reviewed their comments and position as it pertains to the proposed changes in the State Health Plan.

These changes, if fully implemented, have the potential to de-value the CON program. The promotion of highly reliable quality care is an important aspect of a State Health. In some areas under revision in the current draft it is my belief that quality could suffer, especially as it relates to the ASC quality standards. Re-admission and mortality rates are certainly not the sole indicator of quality.

I represent a rural community and have in a separate e-mail provided you with comments as it relates to our effort to provide a comprehensive cardiac program to our community. I am deeply troubled by the current state of rural health care in Kentucky. The changes proposed seem to de-value the benefit of community hospitals. The road and travel conditions in rural settings disadvantage many poor and elderly people from timely access to care. It often takes our patients 40 minutes to travel to our hospital. Rich or poor the proposed cardiac changes disadvantage the rural population since time is muscle and these changes push people to even further distances for cardiac care that is interventional.

I appreciate your time and attention to these comments and I wish you well in your pursuit to achieve a fair and balanced approach to improved health care for all Kentuckians.

Sheila Currans



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Mullins, Diona (CHFS Health Policy)

From: Orme, Tricia L (CHFS OLS)
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2015 7:50 AM
To: Mullins, Diona (CHFS Health Policy)
Subject: FW: Proposed Health Plan Changes

comments

-----Original Message-----

From: lpbates@windstream.net [<mailto:lpbates@windstream.net>]
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2015 12:26 PM
To: Orme, Tricia L (CHFS OLS)
Subject: Proposed Health Plan Changes

To Whom it May Concern

I understand the Cabinet is proposing some broad changes to the State Health Plan. I urge the cabinet to give serious consideration to these changes prior to your final decision to implement.

It seems that I would disagree with the Cabinets position of supporting hospitals. If I understand correctly some of the suggested changes will do nothing but make it more difficult for small rural hospitals to survive as we are having a very difficult time doing so now.

It would seem there is very little opportunity for rural hospitals in these proposed changes. Many rural hospitals will not qualify to expand their services based on the proposed use of certain quality criteria which unfairly impact rural hospitals because they treat greater populations of poor, indigent and chronically ill. Our small hospital has the potential and probably will be one of those affected

The proposal, as written, provides the potential for out-of-state providers to enter Kentucky and set up services like Ambulatory Surgery Centers, MRI and Megavolt Radiation Therapy. Again, it will make it very difficult to compete with these providers who move into small communities for what I would consider one purpose and that being to go for "easy" services.

Hospital leaders would like and ask the opportunity to work with the Cabinet to discuss the rationale regarding these changes, the intended outcome and the ability to make appropriate improvements.

I would like to suggest that perhaps hospital leaders in Kentucky be given the opportunity to discuss these major changes with providers and others who have decision making powers before these changes are implemented. Perhaps you would consider withdrawing this proposal at this time until ample consideration and feedback has been given.

Respectfully,

Larry Bates
Wayne Co Hospital Board of Directors

Mullins, Diona (CHFS Health Policy)

Subject: FW: Comments RE: Proposed Changes to the State Health Plan / CON Criteria

From: Joe Murrell [<mailto:JMurrell@waynehospital.org>]

Sent: Monday, June 29, 2015 11:20 AM

To: Orme, Tricia L (CHFS OLS)

Subject: Comments RE: Proposed Changes to the State Health Plan / CON Criteria

Tricia Orme,
Office of Legal Affairs
275 East Main Street 5 W-B
Frankfort, KY 40601

Ms. Orme,

I am writing in strong opposition to the proposed changes in the State Health Plan and CON criteria.

I would urge you to review the comments provided by the KY Hospital Association concerning these proposed changes to the State Health Plan and CON criteria and fully support and agree with the points that KHA made in analyzing these proposed changes.

The proposed sweeping changes to the State Health Plan will open up the ability for the establishment of additional, and in many instances, duplicative health care services regardless of actual need in a particular area.

This will be Especially Detrimental to small and rural hospitals, who are already struggling, as noted in **Auditor Adam Edelen's recently released report** concerning the financial state of small and rural facilities in Ky.

I strongly support KHA's recent comments on these proposed changes and am opposed to the changes in the state health plan, particularly in relation to changes in Ambulatory Surgery Center and MRI criteria.

The proposed changes will allow unnecessary services to proliferate, and will also help to further destabilize rural and small providers that already provide sufficient capacity in their areas. Allowing additional providers to indiscriminately enter market of areas which are already well served WILL place current providers at a distinct competitive disadvantage as a proliferation of unregulated, unneeded and most likely FOR PROFIT providers occurs.

Often the only way many small and rural facilities stay afloat is through the meager revenue provided through outpatient and ancillary services such as MRI and ambulatory surgery. **Allowing others to come into the state and "cream skim" those few paying patients that we enjoy, only further jeopardizes the long term viability of many small and rural facilities.**

In order to ensure the viability of many of this state's small and rural providers and safety net hospitals, I am deeply opposed to the proposed changes in the State Health Plan and CON criteria.

Sincerely,

Joe Murrell, MHA, FACHE
CEO – Wayne County Hospital



**METHODIST HOSPITAL
UNION COUNTY**

June 30, 2015

Tricia Orme
Office of Legal Services
275 East Main Street 5 W-B
Frankfort, KY 40601

Dear Ms. Orme:

Please accept this letter as support for the comments and positions outlined in the Kentucky Hospital Association's response to proposed changes in the State Health Plan. The sweeping changes in the Plan, if fully implemented, will significantly dilute the value of the CON process in promoting quality and preventing the unnecessary proliferation of health services. The Cabinet has stated the proposed changes should support rural hospitals and improve our ability to provide the continuum of care when actually just the opposite is true.

Kentucky's hospitals are a vital part of our respective communities and this proposal makes it easier for providers to set up services anywhere in the state which are the lifeblood of these hospitals-like surgery and imaging services-and provide the ability for hospitals to maintain essential services like emergency departments.

Additionally, there is very little opportunity for rural hospitals in the proposed changes. Many will not qualify to expand their services based on the proposed use of certain quality criteria which unfairly impact rural hospitals because they treat greater populations of poor, indigent and chronically ill.

I'm asking that our voice be heard and that our opinions be considered before implementing changes that will undermine the financial future of Kentucky's hospitals.

Sincerely,

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June 29, 2015

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Fax: 502-564-7573

RE: Response to KHA Summary of CON Changes/Rural Hospital Comments on State Health Plan

Dear Ms. Orme,

I would like to bring to your attention, some concerns regarding the proposed changes to the State Health Plan.

The ongoing challenges of Kentucky Rural Hospitals are evident by the closing of two hospitals in the past year. State Auditor Adam Edelen's recent report also validates the hurdles that must be overcome in order to survive.

The proposal, as written, will cause undue hardship on the hospitals in rural Kentucky. Opportunity to expand services will be limited due to the requirement to meet certain quality criteria, which is more difficult in the rural area where data is obscured by a low volume, higher population of elderly, indigent, and chronically ill patients.

I'm in support of the Kentucky Hospital Association's comments and position.

Sincerely,

Phyllis Blackwell
Chief Clinical Officer
Marshall County Hospital

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Rep. Will Coursey, Frankfort, KY via email



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June 29, 2015

Tricia Orme
Office of Legal Services
275 E. Main Street 5W-B
Frankfort, KY 40601

Dear Ms. Orme:

I am writing to share my concerns regarding the Cabinet's proposed changes to the State Health Plan relating to Certificate of Need criteria regulation.

It is my understanding these proposed changes would support rural hospitals and our ability to provide a high quality continuum of care. As the CEO of a small rural hospital, I am still scratching my head trying to understand how these changes could potentially benefit my facility. Hurt it – Yes! Support it – No! For example, we are already having to deal with insurance companies wanting to send all of our MRIs to a free-standing facility 45 miles away. It is definitely less expensive there, but the MRI machine is very old, outdated, and certainly not the best quality.

Secondly, there are already too many Ambulatory Surgery Centers in our area. The last thing I need is for another to pop up and cherry pick the already declining cases we service.

In addition, these proposed changes will prohibit many rural hospitals from expanding services based on the proposed use of certain quality criteria.

As the CEO of a small rural hospital and a member of the Kentucky Hospital Association Certificate of Need Committee, I fully support KHA's position on all of the proposed CON changes.

I urge the Cabinet to withdraw the proposed changes until those of us affected by these changes can work together with the Cabinet to insure the new State Health Plan would achieve the goal of expanding access to quality health care services without hurting existing providers.

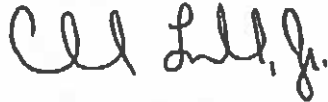
As a hospital leader and immediate past Chairman of the KHA Board, I urge the Cabinet to please give us the opportunity to work together to discuss the rationale of these changes, the

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intended outcome and the ability to make appropriate improvements. Let's work together to serve the residents of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and make sure we have appropriate necessary access to quality healthcare.

Thanking you in advance for your attention to this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Cl Lovell, Jr.", written in black ink.

Charles Lovell, Jr.
CEO

Mullins, Diona (CHFS Health Policy)

Subject: FW: Proposed Changes from the Cabinet to the State Health Plan - Certificate of Need criteria regulations

From: Tipton, Kathy A [<mailto:KATipton@mercy.com>] **On Behalf Of** Starling, Susan

Sent: Monday, June 29, 2015 4:33 PM

To: Orme, Tricia L (CHFS OLS)

Subject: Proposed Changes from the Cabinet to the State Health Plan - Certificate of Need criteria regulations



June 29, 2015

Tricia Orme
Office of Legal Services
275 East Main Street 5 WB
Frankfort, KY 40601

Dear Ms. Orme:

As the CEO of Marcum & Wallace Memorial Hospital, a small rural hospital, **I do not support all of the changes in the state health plan.** I do support having a Certificate of Need program in our state, to insure that the citizens of this Commonwealth will have safe, adequate, and efficient medical care. The Certificate of Need is especially important for rural communities as providing healthcare in rural communities is already challenging, and the imposed changes with the SHP will create a significant challenge for our hospital and EMS. Our hospital is an important asset to our community besides access to health care, we are an economic driver as we employee many of the people from within our community.

The changes that are proposed to the SHP do not protect but can hurt healthcare providers from the unnecessary proliferation of costly health care services. **I believe it is essential for the Cabinet to withdraw this proposal until the Cabinet has met with providers to understand how this will impact our rural hospitals.** I feel certain that KHA can appropriately represent the needs of our rural hospital, Marcum & Wallace Memorial Hospital.

Sincerely,

Susan Starling
CEO/President
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Mullins, Diona (CHFS Health Policy)

From: Orme, Tricia L (CHFS OLS)
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2015 7:56 AM
To: Mullins, Diona (CHFS Health Policy)
Subject: FW: SHP CHANGES

comments

-----Original Message-----

From: Rodney Davis (<mailto:rgd@davislawky.com>)
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2015 4:21 PM
To: Orme, Tricia L (CHFS OLS)
Cc: Susan Starling
Subject: SHP CHANGES

Dear Ms. Orme,

As a Board Member of Marcum & Wallace Memorial Hospital, I am concerned about the proposed changes in the SHP, as it relates to the Certificate of Need Process.

I request that you withdraw this proposal until the Cabinet has a full understanding of how these changes will impact small rural hospitals, EMS and the community we service.

Thank you for consideration of this requests

Sincerely,

Board Chair

Marcum & Wallace Memorial Hospital

Rodney G. Davis
Davis Law, P.S.C

Mullins, Diona (CHFS Health Policy)

From: Orme, Tricia L (CHFS OLS)
Sent: Thursday, July 02, 2015 7:33 AM
To: Mullins, Diona (CHFS Health Policy)
Subject: FW: Certificate of need

comment

From: Darrell Billings [<mailto:darrell@tannerchryslerproducts.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2015 4:59 PM
To: Orme, Tricia L (CHFS OLS)
Cc: sstarling@mercy.com
Subject: Certificate of need

Dear Ms. Orme,

As a Board Member of Marcum and Wallace Memorial Hospital, I am concerned about the proposed changes in the SHP, as it relates to the Certificate of Need Process. I request that you withdraw this proposal until the Cabinet has a full understanding of how these changes will impact small rural hospitals, EMS and the community we service.

Sincerely,

Darrell Billings
Board Member
Marcum and Wallace Memorial Hospital

Mullins, Diona (CHFS Health Policy)

From: Orme, Tricia L (CHFS OLS)
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2015 2:56 PM
To: Mullins, Diona (CHFS Health Policy)
Subject: FW: State Health Plan-Certificate of Need criteria regulations

comments

From: Frank Kincaid [mailto:kincaid_f@bellsouth.net]
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2015 12:27 PM
To: Orme, Tricia L (CHFS OLS)
Cc: Howard, Cluster (State Rep.) (LRC); Stivers, Robert (State Sen.) (LRC); Starling, Susan
Subject: State Health Plan-Certificate of Need criteria regulations

Dear Ms. Orme,

As a Board Member of Marcum & Wallace Memorial Hospital, I am concerned about the proposed changes in the SHP, as it relates to the Certificate of Need Process.

I request that you withdraw this proposal until the Cabinet has a full understanding of how these changes will impact small rural hospitals, EMS and the community we service.

Respectfully,

Frank Kincaid

Board Member
Marcum & Wallace Memorial Hospital

Mullins, Diona (CHFS Health Policy)

From: Orme, Tricia L (CHFS OLS)
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2015 2:57 PM
To: Mullins, Diona (CHFS Health Policy)
Subject: FW: Changes in the SHP

comments

From: Ballard, Arthur [<mailto:arthur.ballard@estill.kyschools.us>]
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2015 12:51 PM
To: Orme, Tricia L (CHFS OLS)
Cc: sstarling@mercy.com; Robinson, Albert (State Sen.) (LRC); Howard, Cluster (State Rep.) (LRC); Stivers, Robert (State Sen.) (LRC); Hale, David (State Rep.) (LRC)
Subject: Changes in the SHP

Dear Ms. Orme,

As a Board Member of Marcum & Wallace Memorial Hospital, I am concerned about the proposed changes in the SHP, as it relates to the Certificate of Need Process. I request that you withdraw this proposal until the Cabinet has a full understanding of how these changes will impact small rural hospitals, EMS and the community we service.

Sincerely,



Board Member
Marcum & Wallace Memorial Hospital

Mullins, Diona (CHFS Health Policy)

From: Orme, Tricia L (CHFS OLS)
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2015 10:04 AM
To: Mullins, Diona (CHFS Health Policy)
Subject: FW: proposed changes in the SHP, as it relates to the Certificate of Need Process

Comments this morning.

From: sjackson@prtcnet.org [<mailto:sjackson@prtcnet.org>]
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2015 10:26 AM
To: Orme, Tricia L (CHFS OLS)
Cc: sstarling@mercy.com; Stivers, Robert (State Sen.) (LRC)
Subject: proposed changes in the SHP, as it relates to the Certificate of Need Process

Dear Ms. Orme,<?xml:namespace prefix = "o" ns = "urn:schemas-microsoft-com:office:office" />

As a Board Member of Marcum & Wallace Memorial Hospital, I am concerned about the proposed changes in the SHP, as it relates to the Certificate of Need Process.

I request that you withdraw this proposal until the Cabinet has a full understanding of how these changes will impact small rural hospitals, EMS and the community we service.

Sincerely,

Stephen F. Jackson

Board Member

Marcum & Wallace Memorial Hospital

Mullins, Diona (CHFS Health Policy)

From: Orme, Tricia L (CHFS OLS)
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2015 7:55 AM
To: Mullins, Diona (CHFS Health Policy)
Subject: FW: Proposed Changes in the SHP

comments

From: Justin Dixon [<mailto:jdixon@mycqb.com>]
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2015 4:03 PM
To: Orme, Tricia L (CHFS OLS)
Cc: sstarling@mercy.com; Robinson, Albert (State Sen.) (LRC); Howard, Cluster (State Rep.) (LRC)
Subject: Proposed Changes in the SHP

Dear Ms. Orme,

As a Board Member of Marcum & Wallace Memorial Hospital, I am concerned about the proposed changes in the SHP, as it relates to the Certificate of Need Process.

I request that you withdraw this proposal until the Cabinet has a full understanding of how these changes will impact small rural hospitals, EMS and the community we service.

Sincerely,
Justin Dixon
Board Member
Marcum & Wallace Memorial Hospital

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Mullins, Diona (CHFS Health Policy)

From: Orme, Tricia L (CHFS OLS)
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2015 7:55 AM
To: Mullins, Diona (CHFS Health Policy)
Subject: FW: Changes to the State Health Plan-Certificate of Need Criteria

comments

From: Michael Hardy [<mailto:mthardy@irvineonline.net>]
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2015 4:09 PM
To: Orme, Tricia L (CHFS OLS)
Cc: Starling, Susan
Subject: Changes to the State Health Plan-Certificate of Need Criteria

June 29, 2015

Tricia Orme
Office of Legal Services
275 East Main Street 5 W-B
Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

Dear Ms. Orme,

As a Board Member of Marcum & Wallace Memorial Hospital, I am concerned about the proposed changes in the SHP, as it relates to the Certificate of Need Process.

I request that this proposal be withdrawn until the Cabinet has a full understanding of how these changes will impact small rural hospitals, EMS and the community we service.

Sincerely,



Board Member
Marcum & Wallace Memorial Hospital

Mullins, Diona (CHFS Health Policy)

From: Orme, Tricia L (CHFS OLS)
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2015 8:02 AM
To: Mullins, Diona (CHFS Health Policy)
Subject: FW: Changes to SHP

comments

From: The Millers [<mailto:abmiller@irvineonline.net>]
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2015 8:19 PM
To: Orme, Tricia L (CHFS OLS)
Cc: sstarling@mercy.com
Subject: Changes to SHP

Dear Ms. Orme,

As a Board Member of Marcum & Wallace Memorial Hospital, I am concerned about the proposed changes in the SHP, as it relates to the Certificate of Need Process.

I request that you withdraw this proposal until the Cabinet has a full understanding of how these changes will impact small rural hospitals, EMS and the community we service.

Sincerely,

Ann Miller

Board Member

Marcum & Wallace Memorial Hospital

Mullins, Diona (CHFS Health Policy)

From: Orme, Tricia L (CHFS OLS)
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2015 8:01 AM
To: Mullins, Diona (CHFS Health Policy)
Subject: FW: Proposed changes in SHP

comments

From: Maher Kassis [<mailto:maherk1232@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2015 6:58 PM
To: Orme, Tricia L (CHFS OLS)
Cc: sstarling@mercy.com
Subject: Proposed changes in SHP

Dear Ms. Orme,

As a Board Member of Marcum & Wallace Memorial Hospital, I am concerned about the proposed changes in the SHP, as it relates to the Certificate of Need Process.

I request that you withdraw this proposal until the Cabinet has a full understanding of how these changes will impact small rural hospitals, EMS and the community we service.

Sincerely,

Maher Kassis, MD

Board Member

Marcum & Wallace Memorial Hospital

Sent from my iPhone

June 29, 2015

Dear Ms. Orme,

As an employee of Marcum & Wallace Memorial Hospital, I am concerned about the proposed changes in the State Health Plan (SHP), as it relates to the Certificate of Need Process.

I request that you withdraw this proposal until the Cabinet has a full understanding of how these changes will impact small rural hospitals, EMS and the community we service.

Sincerely,

Teresa Carroll
Employee
Marcum & Wallace Memorial Hospital

Mullins, Diona (CHFS Health Policy)

From: Orme, Tricia L (CHFS OLS)
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2015 7:57 AM
To: Mullins, Diona (CHFS Health Policy)
Subject: FW: State Health Plan

comments

From: Rison, Darren K [mailto:Darren_Rison@mercy.com]
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2015 4:27 PM
To: Orme, Tricia L (CHFS OLS); Robinson, Albert (State Sen.) (LRC); Howard, Cluster (State Rep.) (LRC)
Cc: Starling, Susan
Subject: State Health Plan

Dear Ms. Orme,

As an employee of Marcum & Wallace Memorial Hospital, I am concerned about the proposed changes in the State Health Plan (SHP), as it relates to the Certificate of Need Process.
I request that you withdraw this proposal until the Cabinet has a full understanding of how these changes will impact small rural hospitals, EMS and the community we service.

Sincerely,

Employee
Marcum & Wallace Memorial Hospital

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Mullins, Diona (CHFS Health Policy)

From: Orme, Tricia L (CHFS OLS)
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2015 7:56 AM
To: Mullins, Diona (CHFS Health Policy)
Subject: FW: Proposed changes to the Certificate of Need criteria

comments

From: Thacker, James R [<mailto:JRThacker@mercy.com>]
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2015 4:25 PM
To: Orme, Tricia L (CHFS OLS)
Cc: Starling, Susan; Robinson, Albert (State Sen.) (LRC); Howard, Cluster (State Rep.) (LRC)
Subject: Proposed changes to the Certificate of Need criteria

Dear Ms. Orme,

As an employee of Marcum & Wallace Memorial Hospital, I am concerned about the proposed changes in the State Health Plan (SHP), as it relates to the Certificate of Need Process.

I request that you withdraw this proposal until the Cabinet has a full understanding of how these changes will impact small rural hospitals, EMS and the community we service.

Sincerely,

James R. Thacker

Health Care Navigator

Marcum & Wallace Memorial Hospital

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Mullins, Diona (CHFS Health Policy)

From: Orme, Tricia L (CHFS OLS)
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2015 8:22 AM
To: Mullins, Diona (CHFS Health Policy)
Subject: FW: State Health Plan

Comments

From: Campbell, Steven [<mailto:scampbell@mercy.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2015 3:41 PM
To: Orme, Tricia L (CHFS OLS); Howard, Cluster (State Rep.) (LRC)
Cc: Starling, Susan
Subject: State Health Plan

Dear Ms. Orme,

As an employee of Marcum & Wallace Memorial Hospital, I am concerned about the proposed changes in the State Health Plan (SHP), as it relates to the Certificate of Need Process.

I request that you withdraw this proposal until the Cabinet has a full understanding of how these changes will impact small rural hospitals, EMS and the community we service.

Sincerely,

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Improvise, Adapt, and Overcome.

-Clint Eastwood

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Mullins, Diona (CHFS Health Policy)

From: Orme, Tricia L (CHFS OLS)
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2015 8:19 AM
To: Mullins, Diona (CHFS Health Policy)
Subject: FW: SHP and certificate of needs process

Comments

From: Franz, Meloni D [<mailto:MDFranz@mercy.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2015 2:44 PM
To: Orme, Tricia L (CHFS OLS)
Cc: Tipton, Kathy A
Subject: SHP and certificate of needs process

Dear Ms. Orme,

As an employee of Marcum & Wallace Memorial Hospital, I am concerned about the proposed changes in the State Health Plan (SHP), as it relates to the Certificate of Need Process.

I request that you withdraw this proposal until the Cabinet has a full understanding of how these changes will impact small rural hospitals, EMS and the community we service.

Sincerely,

Meloni Franz, RNCC

Employee

Marcum & Wallace Memorial Hospital

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Mullins, Diona (CHFS Health Policy)

From: Orme, Tricia L (CHFS OLS)
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2015 7:58 AM
To: Mullins, Diona (CHFS Health Policy)
Subject: FW: Request to Withdraw Proposal - State Health Plan - Certificate of Need Process

comments

From: Fowler, Morgan L [<mailto:MLFowler@mercy.com>]
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2015 4:34 PM
To: Orme, Tricia L (CHFS OLS)
Subject: Request to Withdraw Proposal - State Health Plan - Certificate of Need Process

Dear Ms. Orme,

As an employee of Marcum & Wallace Memorial Hospital, I am concerned about the proposed changes in the State Health Plan (SHP), as it relates to the Certificate of Need Process.

I request that you withdraw this proposal until the Cabinet has a full understanding of how these changes will impact small rural hospitals, EMS and the community we service.

Sincerely,

Morgan Fowler
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Mullins, Diona (CHFS Health Policy)

From: Orme, Tricia L (CHFS OLS)
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2015 7:59 AM
To: Mullins, Diona (CHFS Health Policy)
Subject: FW: Certificate of Need Proposed Changes

comments

From: Walling, Elizabeth [<mailto:ewalling@mercy.com>]
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2015 4:39 PM
To: Orme, Tricia L (CHFS OLS)
Cc: Howard, Cluster (State Rep.) (LRC); Robinson, Albert (State Sen.) (LRC); Starling, Susan
Subject: Certificate of Need Proposed Changes

Dear Ms. Orme,

As an employee of Marcum & Wallace Memorial Hospital, I am concerned about the proposed changes in the State Health Plan (SHP), as it relates to the Certificate of Need Process.

I support the Kentucky Hospital Association's comments and position regarding this issue. As a result, I request that you withdraw this proposal until the Cabinet has a full understanding of how these changes will impact small rural hospitals, EMS and the community we service.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Walling

Elizabeth Walling
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Mullins, Diona (CHFS Health Policy)

From: Orme, Tricia L (CHFS OLS)
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2015 7:59 AM
To: Mullins, Diona (CHFS Health Policy)
Subject: FW: Proposed Changes in the State Health Plan

comments

From: Tipton, Kathy A [<mailto:KATipton@mercy.com>]
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2015 4:53 PM
To: Orme, Tricia L (CHFS OLS)
Cc: Hale, David (State Rep.) (LRC); Stivers, Robert (State Sen.) (LRC); Robinson, Albert (State Sen.) (LRC); Howard, Cluster (State Rep.) (LRC)
Subject: Proposed Changes in the State Health Plan

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Sincerely,

Kathy Tipton

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Mullins, Diona (CHFS Health Policy)

From: Orme, Tricia L (CHFS OLS)
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2015 8:00 AM
To: Mullins, Diona (CHFS Health Policy)
Subject: FW: SHP CON Process

comments

From: Stocker, Trena L [<mailto:tlstocker@mercy.com>]
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2015 5:03 PM
To: Orme, Tricia L (CHFS OLS)
Cc: Starling, Susan
Subject: SHP CON Process

Dear Ms. Orme,

As an employee of Marcum & Wallace Memorial Hospital, I am concerned about the proposed changes in the State Health Plan (SHP), as it relates to the Certificate of Need Process.

I request that you withdraw this proposal until the Cabinet has a full understanding of how these changes will impact small rural hospitals, EMS and the community we service.

Sincerely,

Trena Stocker
Employee
Marcum & Wallace Memorial Hospital

Trena Stocker, MSN, RN,
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Mullins, Diona (CHFS Health Policy)

From: Orme, Tricia L (CHFS OLS)
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2015 8:01 AM
To: Mullins, Diona (CHFS Health Policy)
Subject: FW: Response to Proposed Changes in the State Health Plan

comments

From: Stone, Traci L [<mailto:Traci.Stone@mercy.com>]
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2015 5:07 PM
To: Orme, Tricia L (CHFS OLS)
Subject: Response to Proposed Changes in the State Health Plan

Dear Ms. Orme,

As an employee of Marcum & Wallace Memorial Hospital, I am concerned about the proposed changes in the State Health Plan (SHP), as it relates to the Certificate of Need Process. I request that you withdraw this proposal until the Cabinet has a full understanding of how these changes will impact small rural hospitals, EMS and the community we service.

Thank you,

Traci Stone

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Mullins, Diona (CHFS Health Policy)

From: Orme, Tricia L (CHFS OLS)
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2015 8:03 AM
To: Mullins, Diona (CHFS Health Policy)
Subject: FW: State Health Plan

comments

From: Patton, Lisa G [mailto:Lisa_Patton@mercy.com]
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2015 6:36 AM
To: Orme, Tricia L (CHFS OLS)
Cc: Starling, Susan; Smart, Rita H. (State Rep.) (LRC); Carpenter, Jared (State Sen.) (LRC)
Subject: State Health Plan

Dear Ms. Orme,

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I request that you withdraw this proposal until the Cabinet has a full understanding of how these changes will impact small rural hospitals, EMS and the community we service.

Sincerely,
Lisa G Patton, Pharm.D.
Director of Pharmacy Services
Marcum & Wallace Memorial Hospital
60 Mercy Court
Irvine, Kentucky 40336
606-726-2146

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Mullins, Diona (CHFS Health Policy)

From: Orme, Tricia L (CHFS OLS)
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2015 8:04 AM
To: Mullins, Diona (CHFS Health Policy)
Subject: FW: Proposed changes in the State Health Plan

comments

From: Estes, Carolyn X [<mailto:cestes@mercy.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2015 7:10 AM
To: Orme, Tricia L (CHFS OLS)
Cc: Starling, Susan
Subject: Proposed changes in the State Health Plan

Dear Ms. Orme,

As an employee of Marcum & Wallace Memorial Hospital, I am concerned about the proposed changes in the State Health Plan (SHP), as it relates to the Certificate of Need Process.

I request that you withdraw this proposal until the Cabinet has a full understanding of how these changes will impact small rural hospitals, EMS and the community we service.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Estes

Employee
Marcum & Wallace Memorial Hospital

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Mullins, Diona (CHFS Health Policy)

From: Orme, Tricia L (CHFS OLS)
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2015 8:04 AM
To: Mullins, Diona (CHFS Health Policy)
Subject: FW: Rural Hospital - Comment on State Health Plan

Importance: High

comments

From: Riddell, Whitney K [<mailto:WKRiddell@mercy.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2015 7:52 AM
To: Orme, Tricia L (CHFS OLS)
Cc: Starling, Susan; Robinson, Albert (State Sen.) (LRC); Howard, Cluster (State Rep.) (LRC)
Subject: Rural Hospital - Comment on State Health Plan
Importance: High

Dear Ms. Orme,

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I request that you withdraw this proposal until the Cabinet has a full understanding of how these changes will impact small rural hospitals, EMS and the community we service.

Sincerely,

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Mullins, Diona (CHFS Health Policy)

From: Orme, Tricia L (CHFS OLS)
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2015 8:05 AM
To: Mullins, Diona (CHFS Health Policy)
Subject: FW: Proposed changes in the State Health Plan

comments

From: Stepp, Dana [<mailto:DStepp@mercy.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2015 8:03 AM
To: Orme, Tricia L (CHFS OLS)
Cc: Starling, Susan; Robinson, Albert (State Sen.) (LRC); Howard, Cluster (State Rep.) (LRC)
Subject: Proposed changes in the State Health Plan

Dear Ms. Orme,

As an employee of Marcum & Wallace Memorial Hospital, I am concerned about the proposed changes in the State Health Plan (SHP), as it relates to the Certificate of Need Process.

I request that you withdraw this proposal until the Cabinet has a full understanding of how these changes will impact small rural hospitals, EMS and the community we service.

Sincerely,

Dana Stepp

Dana Stepp
Marcum & Wallace Memorial Hospital

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Mullins, Diona (CHFS Health Policy)

From: Orme, Tricia L (CHFS OLS)
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2015 8:45 AM
To: Mullins, Diona (CHFS Health Policy)
Subject: FW: Proposed changes in the State Health Plan (SHP) as it relates to the Certificate of Need Process.

We received comments from this John Isfort yesterday for Estill Co EMS but now he is sending comments as an employee of Marcum & Wallace. Thanks!

From: Isfort, John [<mailto:JIsfort@mercy.com>]
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2015 4:59 PM
To: Orme, Tricia L (CHFS OLS)
Cc: Stivers, Robert (State Sen.) (LRC); Robinson, Albert (State Sen.) (LRC); Howard, Cluster (State Rep.) (LRC); Starling, Susan
Subject: Proposed changes in the State Health Plan (SHP) as it relates to the Certificate of Need Process.

Dear Ms. Orme,

As an employee of Marcum & Wallace Memorial Hospital, I am concerned about the proposed changes in the State Health Plan (SHP), as it relates to the Certificate of Need Process.

I request that you withdraw this proposal until the Cabinet has a full understanding of how these changes will impact small rural hospitals, EMS and the community we service.

Sincerely,

John Isfort, Director
Project HOME Network
Employee
Marcum & Wallace Memorial Hospital
Irvine, KY40336

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Mullins, Diona (CHFS Health Policy)

From: Orme, Tricia L (CHFS OLS)
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2015 10:21 AM
To: Mullins, Diona (CHFS Health Policy)
Subject: FW: Concern about proposed changes to SHP

Importance: High

comments

From: Estes, Arielle R [<mailto:arestes@mercy.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2015 8:23 AM
To: Orme, Tricia L (CHFS OLS)
Cc: Howard, Cluster (State Rep.) (LRC); Robinson, Albert (State Sen.) (LRC); Starling, Susan
Subject: Concern about proposed changes to SHP
Importance: High

Dear Ms. Orme,

As an employee of Marcum & Wallace Memorial Hospital and a citizen of Estill County, I am concerned about the proposed changes in the State Health Plan (SHP), as it relates to the Certificate of Need Process.

I request that you withdraw this proposal until the Cabinet has a full understanding of how these changes will impact small rural hospitals, EMS and the community we service.

Sincerely,

Arielle Reese Estes
Marcum & Wallace Memorial Hospital

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Director of Development/Foundation
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Mullins, Diona (CHFS Health Policy)

From: Orme, Tricia L (CHFS OLS)
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2015 10:26 AM
To: Mullins, Diona (CHFS Health Policy)
Subject: FW: Proposed Changes in the SHP

comments

From: McGee, Crystal R [<mailto:ShayeMcGee@mercy.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2015 9:06 AM
To: Orme, Tricia L (CHFS OLS)
Cc: Robinson, Albert (State Sen.) (LRC); Howard, Cluster (State Rep.) (LRC)
Subject: Proposed Changes in the SHP

Dear Ms. Orme,

As an employee of Marcum & Wallace Memorial Hospital, I am concerned about the proposed changes in the State Health Plan (SHP), as it relates to the Certificate of Need Process.

I request that you withdraw this proposal until the Cabinet has a full understanding of how these changes will impact small rural hospitals, EMS and the community we service.

Sincerely,

Shaye McGee

Employee
Marcum & Wallace Memorial Hospital

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Mullins, Diona (CHFS Health Policy)

From: Orme, Tricia L (CHFS OLS)
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2015 10:45 AM
To: Mullins, Diona (CHFS Health Policy)
Subject: FW:

comments

-----Original Message-----

From: Warner, Paula [<mailto:PWarner@mercy.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2015 10:29 AM
To: Orme, Tricia L (CHFS OLS)
Subject:

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Sincerely,

Paula Warner

Employee

Marcum & Wallace Memorial Hospital

Paula Warner
Laboratory

Mullins, Diona (CHFS Health Policy)

From: Orme, Tricia L (CHFS OLS)
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2015 10:45 AM
To: Mullins, Diona (CHFS Health Policy)
Subject: FW: Proposed State Health Plan Changes

comments

From: Hix, Tina [<mailto:thix@mercy.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2015 10:31 AM
To: Orme, Tricia L (CHFS OLS)
Cc: Elizabeth Cobb (ecobb@kyha.com); Hale, David (State Rep.) (LRC); Robinson, Albert (State Sen.) (LRC); Howard, Cluster (State Rep.) (LRC); Stivers, Robert (State Sen.) (LRC)
Subject: Proposed State Health Plan Changes

Dear Ms. Orme,

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Sincerely,

Tina Hix

Clinical Services Director
Marcum & Wallace Memorial Hospital

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Tricia Orme Office of Legal Services
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Dear Ms. Orme,

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Sincerely,

Candace Richardson RTR

Employee
Marcum & Wallace Memorial Hospital

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Sincerely,

Jennifer M Ray RTLRJ(m)

Employee
Marcum & Wallace Memorial Hospital

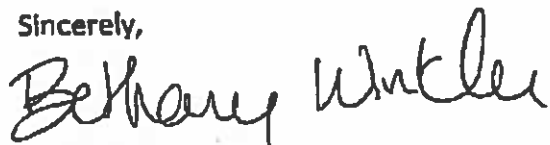
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bethany Winkler". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Bethany" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Winkler".

Employee
Marcum & Wallace Memorial Hospital

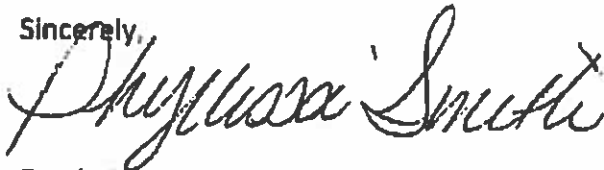
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Phyllis Smith".

Employee
Marcum & Wallace Memorial Hospital

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Sincerely,

Leanna Griffith, R

Employee
Marcum & Wallace Memorial Hospital

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kimberly Benth". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a horizontal line extending from the end.

Employee
Marcum & Wallace Memorial Hospital

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Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Patty Thacker RN in cursive script.

Employee
Marcum & Wallace Memorial Hospital

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Sincerely,

Christy Puckett
Christy Puckett

Employee
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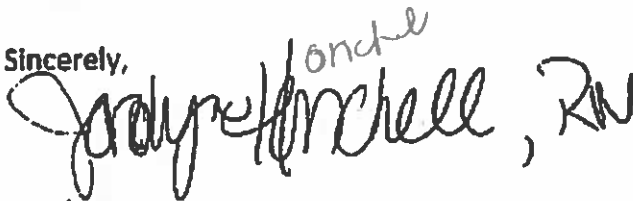
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Sincerely,

Lonche
 Jodye Lonche, RN

Employee
Marcum & Wallace Memorial Hospital

Mullins, Diona (CHFS Health Policy)

From: Orme, Tricia L (CHFS OLS)
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2015 8:50 AM
To: Mullins, Diona (CHFS Health Policy)
Subject: FW: Very Important CON

Importance: High

comments

From: Witt, Lori [<mailto:LWitt@mercy.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2015 8:44 PM
To: Orme, Tricia L (CHFS OLS)
Cc: Robinson, Albert (State Sen.) (LRC); Howard, Cluster (State Rep.) (LRC)
Subject: Very Important CON
Importance: High

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Sincerely,

Lori Witt
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nurse [unclear], RN". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Employee
Marcum & Wallace Memorial Hospital

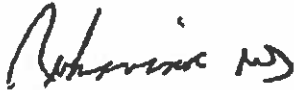
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Sincerely,



Employee
Marcum & Wallace Memorial Hospital



June 29, 2015

Ms. Tricia Orme
Office of Legal Services
275 East Main Street 5 W-B
Frankfort, KY 40601

Dear Ms. Orme:


As a member of the Ephraim McDowell Health Board of Directors, I am writing to you about the proposed changes to the State Health Plan and the impact it would have on our health care system. I want to let you know that I support the Kentucky Hospital Association's request for further discussions on this matter before a final decision is made.

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